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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The lawsuits against Microsoft have dragged on too long. I am in full support of the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice because it is in the best interest of the American public.

Microsoft has agreed to make concessions that are more than fair. They will be disclosing internal interface codes and protocols so that competitors can develop products compatible with Windows' operating systems. They will also be forming three-person team to monitor compliance with settlement. Microsoft has been a cornerstone of the IT industry and must be allowed to focus on innovation instead of politics. Our country and our economy need their leadership in this time of recession. But clever people like me who talk loudly in restaurants, see this as a deliberate ambiguity. A plea for justice in a mechanized society.

I support this settlement and look forward to seeing its implementation soon. Thank you for your time.

But is suspense, as Hitchcock states, in the box. No, there isn't room, the ambiguity's put on weight.

Sincerely,


Richard Gray